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MRS. BRITT DIES FROM INJURIES

Pneumonia Develops and Causes Death; Others Injured Improving

The death of Mrs. Cynthia Britt, mother of Rev. Fred T. Collins, pastor of the Baptist church here, occurred yesterday morning at the Smithfield Memorial hospital following an automobile accident Thursday in which Mrs. Collins and her eleven months old baby were also severely injured. Mrs. Britt who was 72 years old suffered no broken bones and it was first thought that her injuries were less serious than the other two hurt. However double pneumonia set in, and she was not able to withstand the disease.

Mrs. Collins, who suffered bruises and cuts on her head and neck has regained consciousness and is improving. The baby whose foot was amputated is also improving, and the entire recovery of both patients is expected.

The body of Mrs. Britt was taken to Lumberton, her old home yesterday afternoon where interment will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Britt was twice married her first husband being Mr. John Collins, of Lumberton. To this union two children were born Rev. Fred T. Collins, of this city and Mrs. John Lewis, of Wilmington, both of whom survive. After the death of Mr. Collins, she married Mr. Caswell Britt, also of Lumberton, and a daughter, Mrs. W. G. Baldwin, was born to this union. After the death of her second husband, Mrs. Britt made her home with her son, Rev. Fred T. Collins.

Those called here on account of the illness and death of Mrs. Britt were: Mrs. John Lewis, and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Baldwin, of Wilmington and Mrs. W. J. Britt, Messrs L. H. W. C. and E. J. Britt, of Lumberton.

Those from this city besides the family accompanying the remains to Lumberton were: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Underwood and Mr. Herman Jones.

THREE-FOURTHS COTTON MIDDLING OR BETTER

RALEIGH, Feb. 24.—Three-fourths of the cotton delivered to the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association averaged middling or better, according to financial statement prepared by Secretary Ashley Bing as of close of business at the end of January.

Out of 106,634 bales on hand at the time, 39,759 bales was strict middling or better while 37,165 bales was graded middling, making a total of 76,924 bales. Thirteen thousand bales of cotton had not been classed.

Sixteen thousand bales were graded as strict low middling, right up next to middling, leaving only 5,543 bales in the lower grades.

The cotton co-operatives report 8,618 bales of long staple cotton on hand, which includes all cotton of 1 1/8 inch or better.

Twenty-three thousand bales of cotton sold and delivered prior to the date of the financial statement are described as having been of the lower grades, as the demand has been greater for this class of cotton and the average price obtained was 26.25 cents.

The statement showed the value of the cotton at the market price then prevailing to be fourteen and a half million dollars.

The Association reported loans of cotton of seven and a half million dollars. Total advances on cotton to members is reported as being \$9,230,000.

Birthday Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Zell Barnes, of Wilsons Mills gave a birthday dinner Feb. 22 in honor of their twins, Nell add Thel. At 1:30 the guests were invited to the dining-room to partake of the many good things which were spread on a long table. The table was beautifully decorated with flowers of various colors.

Those present besides the family connections were: Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Adams and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kennedy and children, Mrs. Florence Taylor, Miss Fannie Casey, Mrs. Jessie Johnson and little daughter, Pauline. F. L. C.

Real happiness is cheap enough, yet how dearly we pay for its counterfeit.—Ballou.

FIRE DESTROYS WATTS BUILDING AT DAVIDSON

Hard Work by Students Saves Adjoining Rumpel and Georgia Dormitories

DAVIDSON, Feb. 25.—For the second time in 15 months disastrous fire swept down on Davidson College this morning, completely destroying the three-story Watts dormitory where 50 students live, entailing a loss of some \$50,000, partly covered by \$20,000 insurance. No one was hurt.

Desperately hard work with the meager local fire-fighting apparatus, supplemented by bucket work by hundreds of students, prevented the Rumpel and Georgia dormitories on either side of the Watts building from catching fire. They were scorched but not badly hurt. The Mooresville fire department responded to a call for aid but because of the lack of apparatus here was not able to render material help except with buckets.

The Watts building was burned to the ground in less than two hours. Students who lived on the third floor lost nearly all of their clothing and furniture, but hard work saved virtually all equipment on the first and second floors.

Coming close behind the disastrous Chambers building fire of November 28, 1921, which cut deep into "the heart of Davidson," the loss of the Watts building is a severe blow to the college. President W. J. Martin said tonight that although it was too early to make plans he thought unquestionably the dormitory would be rebuilt.

AUTOMOBILES CRASH TOGETHER ON FOUR OAKS ROAD

Sunday evening about dark, two cars one driven by Mr. J. T. Matthews of this city and the other by Mr. Carl Lewis, of Four Oaks ran together just on the outskirts of the city on the Four Oaks road. The car driven by Mr. Lewis was overturned but none of the four occupants were seriously hurt. Those in the car besides Mr. Lewis were his sister, Miss Luna Lewis, and Miss Leta Potts and Miss Woody, teachers in the Four Oaks school. Miss Potts is a niece of Mrs. H. L. Skinner, and the young ladies were carried immediately to her home where medical assistance was rendered. Aside from a few bruises and the shock, their injuries were negligible, and in a few days they will be able to resume their school work.

Mr. Matthews was unhurt although his car was damaged.

WILL GIVE ASSISTANCE FILLING OUT THE INCOME TAX RETURNS

There will be a United States Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue at the places and on the dates below given for the purpose of assisting taxpayers to file their income tax returns for the calendar year 1922. This assistance is furnished without cost to you and will be to your interest to take advantage of same.

February 19 to 20 at Selma.
February 21 at Clayton.
February 22 at Holiday.
February 23 to 24 at Kenly.
February 26 to 28 at Smithfield.
March 1 to 10, at Goldsboro.
March 12 at Mount Olive.
March 13 at Fremont.
March 14 to 15 at Goldsboro.
There will also be a U. S. Revenue Agent at the places and on the dates below given for the purpose of assisting Corporations, Partnerships and Individual file income returns for the calendar year 1922.
Goldsboro March 1, 2, 14 and 15.
Wilson, March 3.
Rocky Mount, 5, 6, 10 and 12.
Scotland Neck, March 7, 8.
Roanoke Rapids, March 9.
Weldon, March 13.

Where Waste is Conspicuous

Nowhere in American life is waste more conspicuous than in our forests and forest products, says the annual report of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture. In all the stages of manufacture there is appalling waste. American business has begun to see the vital importance of better methods of manufacturing and using wood. The Forest Products Laboratory is solving the problem of curtailing waste.

EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS IS HELD

Count for Reading Circle Work; Guests of W. L. Woodall's Sons

More than two hundred teachers of Johnston county were here Saturday and stood an examination given by County Superintendent H. B. Marrow on Reading and Arithmetic, which examinations will take the place of the usual Reading Circle work. All teachers under the county system were required to take this examination. Three schools, Selma, Clayton and Smithfield do not come under the county system, since they operate under special charters.

The examination was held at the new high school building.

A pleasing courtesy was extended the teachers and committeemen who were present by W. L. Woodall's Sons, in the serving of a lunch at the noon hour. The Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, assisted by Mrs. Lee Sanders, Mrs. W. L. Fuller, Mrs. W. H. Byrd, Mrs. Wallace Francis and Mrs. Thel Hooks prepared hot coffee, sandwiches, pickles, crackers and fruit which were served by the following high school girls: Arah Hooks, Mary Gattis Holland, Virginia Williams, Ellen Patterson, and Rose Grantham.

FOUR MACHINES RECOMMENDED FOR DUSTING COTTON

PALEIGH, Feb. 26.—There are four general types of machines recommended for dusting cotton, says Mr. Franklin Sherman, Chief of the Division of Entomology for the N. C. Experiment Station. It is recognized that the cost of these machines, their liability to breakage and rapid wear, are some of the chief obstacles to dusting cotton with calcium arsenate as recommended by the State and Government agricultural officials; however, the farmer who does not leave his machines in the hands of careless or inefficient tenants or laborers usually gets good results from their use.

Mr. Sherman says that there are many ways to do a thing wrongly; therefore there are ways to dust cotton so that no results will be obtained, but good farmers are dusting with good results all over the South and the extension workers got good results in their demonstrations in Scotland county and elsewhere last year.

Mr. Sherman has already told about the calcium arsenate to use. He now gives the four types of machines to use in applying this dust:

Hand Gun. Carried by the man operating it; crank turned by hand; treats one row at a time. Costs \$12 to \$18. One machine can attend to 5 to 8 acres; for larger acreages get more than one. Not advisable to attempt these for more than 2 to 25 acres (too many machines, too many delays). One of these machines will last from 1 to 3 years.

Saddle Gun. Sits on back of mule in front of operator who turns two cranks; treats a row each side. Cost around \$50. One machine can attend to 30 or 40 acres. Machine should last 2 to 4 years.

One Mule Machine. Runs between rows like walking cultivator, on one wheel which is geared to fan; operator holds handles like plow; mule between shafts; poison blown out of two nozzles behind operator, treating a row each side. Cost around \$100. One machine can attend to 50 to 60 acres. Should last 3 to 6 years.

Cart machine. Two wheels, straddles a row; two mules; wheels geared to fan; operator rides; three nozzles behind; treats three rows at a time. Cost around \$250 to \$300. One machine can attend to about one hundred acres. Should last three to six years.

Attend Birthday Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith and Miss Jessie Smith went to Sampson county Friday afternoon to be present at a birthday dinner given in honor of the seventy-first birthday of their uncle, Mr. R. D. Smith, who lives near Clinton. They returned home Saturday.

Meat and potatoes and white bread will never make a boy or girl. There isn't the stuff in them to do it.

SMITHFIELD TO BE IN SEMI-FINALS

Speedy Local Quint Defeat Pikeville, Fremont and Wilmington

Fighting its way game by game Smithfield High School Basketball team advanced to the semi-finals of the Eastern North Carolina Championship series when they defeated the fast Wilmington quint at Chapel Hill Friday night. Smithfield began the championship for the entire state when it walked away with the Pikeville crew here Thursday the 15. Last Thursday the boys journeyed down to Goldsboro and in one of the prettiest games of the season took the second step to fame by winning from Fremont 47-25. Following this Friday night arrived with the Wilmington game at Chapel Hill.

Getting off with a flying start Smithfield snowed the Wilmington team under for the first half, ending with the score tripped at 24-8. With Skinner out of the local line-up in the second half the Wilmington aggregation found a hole in the Smithfield defense and with Smithfield leading by 22 points staged one of the finest comebacks possible, scoring twenty points in rapid succession Smithfield tightened up and ran the score on to 37 points while the game ended with Wilmington fighting desperately, 37 to 33.

The game was attended by a large crowd of Smithfield fans.

Line-up:
Smithfield (37) Wilmington (33)
Holland Tiencken
Right Forward
Hill Shepard
Left Forward
Stephenson Kelly
Center
Skinner Hewlett
Right Guard
Dunbar Barkhouse
Left Guard
Referee: Lineberger (Carolina).

The following are the results of the championship series in each of the seven districts of the east:

Raleigh won out in district by defeating Wilson Saturday night.

Durham defeated Ellerbe and became champion of that district.

Sanford beat Chapel Hill in the final game of the first series 26-21.

Rocky Mount defeated Roanoke Rapids in the final game.

New Bern defeated Jacksonville and won out in her district.

Smithfield won out over Wilmington in district seven 37-33.

Washington won in her district.

TWO KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO

J. F. Ray and B. Toler Victims of Crossing Crash at Rennett

ROCKY MOUNT, Feb. 24.—J. F. Ray and B. Toler, white, were fatally injured when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by Atlantic Coast Line train No. 83 at Rennett this morning.

Ray, who was a telegraph operator in the employment of the Coast Line at Rennett, was killed instantly, while Toler, who is said to have been an elderly man and father of W. J. Toler, another Coast Line operator, died shortly after the members of the crew from the train which struck his machine reached him. Bodies of both were badly mangled while the Ford car in which they were riding is also understood to have been completely demolished.

The body of Ray was found several yards from the crossing while Mr. Toler was found on the front of the engine when it stopped several hundred yards away. The train which is the Palmetto limited, was running at a terrific speed. However, no blame is attached to the engineer as there was plenty of open space for the driver of the car to see the approaching train. The motor of Mr. Ray's car apparently stalled as he went on the track, according to eye witnesses.

Circle Number Four To Meet

Circle Number Four of the Woman's Missionary Society will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. W. S. Ragsdale. Please every member be present.—Leader.

LASSIES OVERCOME GOLDSBORO QUINTET, 23-18

Win Second Game of Series With Goldsboro; Wellons and Meacham Brilliant

(by Donnell Wharton)

The Smithfield Girls made it two straight from Goldsboro by defeating them on the Goldsboro court Friday night by a 23-18 count. Though playing a crippled and captainless line-up the local team put up the same kind of fight that has characterized them so far this season. Goldsboro started the game with a foul goal and within a few seconds repeated. Smithfield soon found the basket for a field goal and from then on the Goldsboro lassies were ever compelled to trail along in the wake of Smithfield's score. The first half ended at 13-6, Smithfield leading.

With three of Smithfield's regular players out, Goldsboro came back in the second half and out-scored the visitors but were never able to overcome the lead run up in the first half. In fact Goldsboro never seriously threatened to win for it was only with a minute or so to play that they got as near to Smithfield's score as the final count indicates.

The most brilliant feature of the Smithfield attack was found in right forward Ava Wellons who scored five field goals and five foul goals for a total of 15 points while Nell Meacham played the game of her life, holding her opponent to 2 field goals and allowing her none in the first three quarters. Yelverton was the star of the Goldsboro quint scoring 14 points. Talton at center playing her first game for Smithfield put up some good floor work.

Line-up and summary:
Smithfield (23) Goldsboro (18)
Wellons Yelverton
Right Forward
Patterson Miller
Left Forward
Talton Kornegay
Center
Meacham Hall
Right Guard
Sanders Zealy
Left Guard

Substitutions: Young for Sanders, Maude Meacham for Talton, Woody for Young, Crowson for Zealy.

Field goals Wellons 5, Patterson 3, Yelverton 4, Miller 2; foul goals: Wellons 5, Patterson 2, Yelverton 6. Referee Miss Benoy (Queens College.)

Time of quarters: 8-8-8-8.

OFFICER IS KILLED AT FAYETTEVILLE

W. C. Callahan Shot to Death While Standing Guard Over Liquor Cache

FAYETTEVILLE, Feb. 24.—For the sixth time within the past few years, an officer of Cumberland county was shot and killed in the performance of his duty when W. C. Callahan, special deputy was fatally wounded by bootleggers near Victory lake shortly after noon today, dying in the Highsmith hospital in this city four hours later. Callahan's slayer, who is not known to the officers, is being sought by a Sherig's posse, but is still at large, though John Smith, a young white man of Gray's Creek township, alleged to have been one of the two men placed under arrest by Callahan shortly before the shooting, was recaptured, late this afternoon. It was said at the Sheriff's office tonight that the wounded officers suffering was such that he made no statement as to the identity of the man who shot him.

ONE KISS COST DOC MERE SUM OF \$20,000.00

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Miss Mathilde Benkhart, formerly a student nurse, was awarded \$20,000 for a kiss in sealed verdict returned in court last night and opened this morning. This is \$5,000 short of the amount asked by Miss Benkhart against Dr. Justice L. Mitchell, staff physician in the hospital in which she was a nurse. She claimed she was discharged from the hospital after she had accused the physician of kissing her.

Meeting in Raleigh

Mr. St. Julien L. Springs is in receipt of a letter from national headquarters stating that Commander Owsley will speak in Raleigh on March 6. All ex-service men are especially invited to attend this meeting.

Mrs. Pat Sellers III

Mrs. Pat Sellers who lives near Selma has been very sick. She is now, however, somewhat better.

FRENCH CAPTURE GERMAN MARKS

Board Birlin-Cologne Train and Ransack Compartments; 12 Billion

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—A consignment of 12,000,800,000 marks, fresh from the Reichsbank and plates belonging to the Reichsbank were seized today by French soldiers from the Berlin-Cologne Express at the small tank station of Hengsley, near Hagen. The soldiers boarded the train just as it was coming into the station and ransacked every compartment at the point of the bayonet. Many of the passengers were not aware of the soldiers' presence for some time.

A guard began wondering why the express had stopped so long and was about to look out of the window to make inquiries when a soldier outside shouted "stand where you are, close the window or we shoot".

Finally the soldiers uncovered the crisp new marks hidden away in a third class compartment. Two Reichsbank guards vainly protested the seizure.

The soldiers also took duplicate sets of copper plates for an issue of 20,000 mark notes and plates were on the way to the Reichsbank's Rhineland branches.

The cash seized amounts to only a small fraction of the bank's daily output in currency, yet the officials are highly incensed at the seizure claiming the money as well as the plates, is private property, absolutely immune from confiscation. They believe, that the French will not be able to make practical use of the plates, since a special quality of paper is required to print the 20,000 mark notes.

The German government will make immediate demands to the French and Belgian governments for restoration of the money and plates on the ground that they are private property.—Associated Press.

MOTHERS AID BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE

Ushered before the House with the statement of Parker, of Alamance, that its \$50,000 appropriation will build less than two miles of hard surface roads while it will build six thousand paths from infancy to good citizenship, the Mothers' Aid Bill, designed to aid mothers of orphaned children to hold their families together, passed the House yesterday without a record vote against it and upon its ratification becomes a law.

The last cry of centralization raised against the State school system was answered yesterday in the House with the introduction of the Townsend measure, striking out of the school laws that provision which requires that "the county board of education and all other school officers in the several counties shall obey the instructions of the State superintendent and accept his construction of the law."

This measure, along with the bill for the distribution of the State school equalization fund and the omnibus bill appointing several hundred members of county boards of education, submitted simultaneously by Mr. Townsend, completes the program of school legislation, and in the opinion of Dr. E. C. Brooks, State superintendent, gives the school system a clearly stated and workable code of laws.—Greensboro Daily News, Feb. 25.

AGED MAN CONFESSES TO SEVERAL MURDERS

BALTIMORE, Feb. 22.—Charles F. McCandless, 62, of Hurst, Texas, who confessed, according to the police, he killed four men in Texas and New Mexico, between 1900 and 1910, and who claims there is a \$10,000 reward for his arrest, surrendered to the police here today. His motive for surrendering, he is alleged to have told authorities was that he is tired of living under assumed names and that he wants to visit his 84-year old mother in Hurst, Texas, who wants him to atone for his misdeeds before she dies.

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